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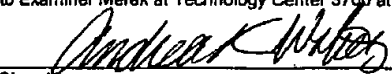
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please find enclosed a proposed Fig. 13, which is a sectional view, similar to Fig. 5, of a third alternative construction for the sleeve comprising annular ribs extending inwardly from the inner surface of the sleeve body, which is described in paragraph 42 of the application.

Please find enclosed a proposed Fig. 14, which is a sectional view, similar to Fig. 5, of a fourth alternative construction for the sleeve comprising an annular strip of frictional material